



## King County

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## **King County Community Organizing Program Board Meeting Summary March 2010**

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Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Kitsap County Drug Free Communities, Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Police Department, Co Chair; Helena Stephens, City of Bellevue Youth Programs; Kim Beeson, Puget Sound ESD, and Judy Manchester, Kirkland.

Staff Members Present: Laura Edwards, Program Manager, Laura Quinn, Cheryl Hanson, Community Organizers.

### **OPENING AND UPDATES**

Laura E did the meeting opening. Everyone gave personal and professional updates.

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZING PROGRAM UPDATE:**

Board discussed the status of community prevention funding in Washington State with the Federal Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities being eliminated. There seems to be effort to restore the Federal funds during the next session but this will not impact the current fiscal year.

Laura reviewed with Board and staff the report from Department of Commerce regarding the funding scenarios that were discussed at the CMAC meeting. Option 3 was presented as the "worse case scenario" which has CM taking a 48% cut. Board is wondering whether to follow up with the Division around future planning in that it has been suggested that Jim V will meet with the Board in June.

### **• ORGANIZER REPORTS:**

#### **Laura Quinn and Cheryl Hanson, Organizers**

Cheryl said the program has money (!) and that Laura Q is meeting one on one with people to find out ways of spending the funds. Mercer Island Youth and

Family Services is publishing a three-fold card on parenting (how to act as parent at certain ages). Bellevue School District distributed "Parents, Teens and the Law" to all students, as did Issaquah School District to all its middle schools.

Belleuve and Kirkland youth centers have been the scene of youth violence recently, and the counselor at Kirkland is meeting with youth center staff to do focus groups on what is causing the violence. City of Bothell is planning a meeting on youth health surveys and asking what as a community can they do about this. It was suggested that Victoria Tennant be brought in to work with youth workers to give them brain development information.

#### South/Vashon

Unfortunately, the school districts in this catchment area have no money for reimbursement. COP gives \$1000 for a good program and intervention specialists have to pay expenses out of their own pockets. Funds have been turned down because of this lack of reimbursement. Helena says she has the vendor invoice directly. The larger discussion is about support for schools, as they have zeroed out drug prevention money. They will be asking for more and more support. Documentation is necessary for every dollar spent on prevention. One PI did not know how his school district functioned, or did he know his partners in the community. Town hall meetings are scheduled in Maple Valley, Tukwila and Kent. Our money is being used for the program that follows up with items discussed at town hall meetings. COP has until June to spend money on anti-bullying and support programs on Vashon.

Cheryl and Laura reported that they have both been following up on the Seattle area mini grants that Stefanie had managed, to check in with these coalitions and to make sure they know who to work with to implement their prevention programming and who to send there invoice in to. Many of these groups have worked with the Community Organizing Program in the past and are familiar with the process and the Organizers. This transition has been very smooth.

- **BOARD BUSINESS**

**Legislative Updates:**

None at this time. Encouraged everyone to get Seth's regular update via WASAVP

**WASAVP**

Liz, the Chair of WASAVP, gave a report on some of the issues that WASAVP (Washington Association of Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention) is monitoring in this State Legislative session. Two of the most important bills:

- Beer and Wine sampling in Stores
- Privatization of Alcohol Sales

Other Items:  
There were no general announcements.

**Meeting Ajourned:**

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**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at Seattle Red Cross  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1900 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
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